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PROVISION OF HINDI LITERARY MATERIALS IN AIRLINES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the passengers in Indian private airlines are not being provided Hindi language Magazines, newspapers and other literary materials in the flights;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to promote use of Hindi in Airlines by issuing instructions to keep compulsorily Hindi language Magazines, newspapers and literary materials in the airlines;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) to (e): Thought Newspapers/magazines including regional papers/magazines are provided in aircraft by the private airlines, the decision to provide newspapers/magazines on board is taken by the concerned airlines keeping in view their business strategy.

As regards promoting the use of Hindi in airlines by the Government, Directorate General of Civil Aviation has given instructions to all the private airlines should make available Hindi newspapers/magazines alongwith newspapers/magazines of other languages.